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## **KyLOC Supplies Our Warfighters Throughout the Country – and Beyond!**

The Kentucky Logistics Operation Center (KyLOC) has expanded at Bluegrass Station yet again with a stroke of the pen and click of the mouse!

It all began in 1994 when the KyLOC handled the receipt, sorting, and redistribution of surplus equipment and supplies from the draw down of our forces in Europe during the early 1990s. Next came a partnership with the National Guard Bureau (NGB) in December 1997, which created the National Guard Materiel Management Center (NGMMC). Profiled in the "Station Master" in February 1999, the NGMMC provides what is known as "Class IX" ground and aviation repair parts from surplus to Army National Guard units across the nation.

The KyLOC formed a second partnership with the NGB and the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) to distribute clothing to Army National Guard soldiers in all states and territories. Known as the Central Clothing Distribution Facility (CCDF), the project opened for business in January 1999 and was featured that November in the "Station Master." The program was unique in that its centralized facility not only provided patches and nametapes already sewn on the uniforms but also got them to their recipients within a few days, instead of weeks and months. Another noteworthy development was the creation of a Land's End ®-type Internet catalog ordering system.

The article mentioned that there were "...plans to look at other branches of the military as potential customers in the future." That "future" has arrived. The DSCP Virtual Prime Vendor National Guard/Reserves Clothing Program now includes the distribution of clothing to the Marine Corps Reserve, the Seabees, and the Naval Reserve, with the latter being the newest addition to the program.



This addition was marked with a signing ceremony and "first issue" of Naval Reserve clothing on February 28, 2002, at Bluegrass Station. Yeoman Seaman (YNSN) Theresa Wolfinger received the first issue (*see left photo*). The dignitaries, including Rear Admiral John P. McLaughlin, Commander of the United States Naval Reserve Force; Colonel Robert Kleppinger, Director of the Clothing and Textiles Directorate with the Defense Supply Center

Philadelphia; and Brigadier

General D. Allen Youngman, Kentucky's Adjutant General, signed the "dotted line" (*see right photo*) after making the first issue.

The KyLOC's expansion into the provision of clothing to 93,000 Naval Reserve members around the world is expected to bring some \$2.5 million to Kentucky plus an additional 45 jobs to Bluegrass Station. The KyLOC's other 170 employees, located in Buildings 4 and 6, as well as



portions of Buildings 15 and 17, support the clothing needs of 24,000 Seabees; 43,000 Marine Corps Reservists; and 350,000 Army National Guard members.

Better yet, this centralized method of distributing military clothing saves the government and taxpayers lots of money! For example, The Army National Guard saves \$10 million a year and the Marine Corps Reserve saves \$300,000 annually. The Naval Reserve estimates annual savings of \$1.2 million with this program.

Bluegrass Station is proud to have the KyLOC as a tenant. If you'd like to learn more about the KyLOC, call Jasper "Jack" Carpenter at (859) 293-3471 or e-mail him at icarpenter@kyloc.com.





## From the desk of the Director...

## TO THE BLUEGRASS STATION FAMILY OF TENANTS AND EMPLOYEES

We frequently read about companies buying out other ones in the world of "big business." Bluegrass Station's largest tenant, Raytheon Aircraft Integration Systems, recently experienced this when L-3 Communications Corporation bought it. The company's mission remains the same, that is, to provide world-class logistics products, services, and support to its customers, and other than the name change, the conversion will be invisible to us.

Changes that some of our tenants will see include our most recent building upgrades, as listed below:

- The completion of radiant heat installation in some of our largest buildings, including #221 and three bays each of Buildings 4, 15, and 220. Installation continues in the remaining three bays of #220.
- A total overhaul of Building 4's A and B bays, including painting as well as the installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units; overhead doors; and new lights to prepare them for our new tenant, the Material Handling Training Center. Material Handling is a division of Franklin Career Services, which also serves as the parent company of the Top Gun Driving Academy.

Speaking of driving, I continue to receive complaints about people who drive their vehicles too fast and/or fail to obey stop and yield signs. I ask all tenants and employees who receive this newsletter to obey the traffic signs posted throughout Bluegrass Station and to ask their fellow employees, visitors, and delivery company personnel to do the same. If I do not begin to see an improvement, I'll be forced to consider the installation of additional speed bumps. I might even ask the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department to begin enforcement of the traffic laws.

I also receive complaints from tenants whose parking spaces are being used by people who do not work for them and are not visiting them. Please do not park your vehicle in another tenant's spot. If you don't know where to park, ask your boss where the acceptable spots are. If you're expecting visitors, let them know ahead of time where they're allowed to park their vehicles. A little consideration for your fellow tenants and employees goes a long way.

Also, please be considerate of our roads and grounds maintenance crew as they "spring" into action this season. The warmer weather and rain have caused the grass to grow faster than ever. However, this much rain limits the crew's opportunities to get outside to do their jobs. When they do get a chance to mow, they find that vehicles, boxes, containers, and what may be product manufacturing materials block access to the grass. Please keep the grassy areas free of clutter and debris. The benefits to your area and the entire Station will be easy (and pleasant) to see!

In advance, thank you for whatever you can do to make Bluegrass Station a safe and pleasant place to live and conduct business. Have a fruitful spring season!

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